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# Briefing

### *The Best-Laid Plans*

One of the reasons Congress schedules recesses, aside from rest, rehabilitation and politics, is to give members an opportunity for foreign travel that could not otherwise be scheduled without missing key votes and committee meetings. But for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the current Columbus Day recess has provided little but lost opportunities.

The New York Democrat had scheduled a trip to the Middle East for last week, but he had to cancel his plans in order to attend the funeral of Terence Cardinal Cooke in New York City. This week he had arranged for an unannounced trip to Costa Rica in his capacity as vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, but that had to be scrubbed when Governor Cuomo scheduled a political strategy dinner in New York Wednesday night, at which final plans were made for their joint endorsement of Walter F. Mondale for the Democratic presidential nomination the next day.

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